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SUBJ: DR. HERBERT STEIN'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU

1. SUMMARY: DR. STEIN MET WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR TODAY FOR DISCUSSION MAINLY FOCUSED ON BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. MANEA MANESCU AND CHARGE WERE ALSO PRESENT ALONG WITH INTERPRETER SERGIU CELAC. CEAUSESCU TOUCHED ON MFN RATHER LIGHTLY, DWELLED AT GREATER LENGTH ON VIRTUES OF JOINT VENTURES, AND ENDED UP WITH PLEA FOR MORE EFFORT ON BOTH SIDES TO DEVELOP OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TO ENSURE GREATER US WEIGHT IN ROMANIA'S OVERALL FOREIGN TRADE. END SUMMARY.

2. DISCUSSION BEGAN WITH SURVEY OF WORLD AGRICULTURAL PICTURE AND CEAUSESCU EFFORT TO SOLICIT DR. STEIN'S VIEWS AS TO FUTURE COURSE OF WORLD AGRICULTURAL PRICES. DISCUSSION PRODUCED NO SURPRISES WITH BOTH PARTIES AGREEING THAT AGRICULTURAL PRICES WOULD DECLINE ALTHOUGH NOT TO LEVELS OF TWO YEARS AGO.

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3. AS EXPECTED, CEAUSESCU SHIFTED IN DUE COURSE TO SUBJECT OF MFN. DR. STEIN NOTED THAT ADMINISTRATION FAVORS MFN FOR ROMANIA AND THAT PRESIDENT IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN TRADE LEGISLATION IN DESIRABLE FORM. HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT SUITABLE LEGISLATION WOULD EMERGE AS RESULT OF CONSIDERATION IN TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS AND IN SUBSEQUENT HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE. PROBLEM WAS THUS NOT ONE OF COMMITMENT BUT OF LEGISLATIVE TACTICS, DR. STEIN ADDED. ALTHOUGH MANEA MANESCU HAD INDICATED ON PREVIOUS EVENING THAT CEAUSESCU WOULD PROBABLY MAKE PITCH FOR SEPARATING MFN FOR ROMANIA FROM THAT FOR OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, HE DID NOT, IN FACT, DO SO BUT SHIFTED, RATHER, TO SUBJECT OF JOINT VENTURES.

4. IN COURSE OF PLUGGING VIRTUES OF JOINT VENTURES ALONG CUSTOMARY LINES, CEAUSESCU CLAIMED THAT ROMANIA HAD SIGNED THREE SUCH AGREEMENTS WITH THE FRG FOLLOWING HIS JUNE TRIP TO GERMANY AND THAT THREE OTHERS WERE NEAR SIGNATURE (MANESCU AND PATAN HAVE REFERRED DURING STEIN VISIT TO SUPPOSED IMMINENCE OF FIRM AGREEMENTS WITH FOKKER AND WITH VOLKSWAGEN BUT IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT CEAUSESCU'S DESIRE TO SPUR US ON CAUSED SOME BLURRING OF LINE BETWEEN PRELIMINARY AGREEMENTS AND FINAL ONES--ONLY FINALIZED JOINT VENTURES IN PRODUCTION ARE THOSE WITH CONTROL DATA, ITALIAN FIRM, AND RENK FROM GERMANY). LIKE MANESCU, CEAUSESCU LAID GREAT STRESS ON FACT THAT JOINT VENTURES WOULD SELL THEIR PRODUCTS AT WORLD MARKET PRICES AND WOULD BE GENERALLY INSULATED FROM PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF DOMESTIC ECONOMIC SYSTEM. HE ALSO NOTED IN PASSING THAT ROMANIA ENTERED INTO ITS OWN JOINT VENTURES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND OBSERVED THAT HE HAD JUST GIVEN HIS APPROVAL THAT MORNING TO FOUR SUCH VENTURES. CEAUSESCU APPEALED FOR GREATER USG EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN FIRMS TO ENGAGE IN JOINT VENTURES AND ALSO NOTED THAT LONG-TERM GENERAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN SIGNED WITH THE FRG AND ITALY DURING HIS TRIPS TO THOSE COUNTRIES EARLIER THIS YEAR. DR. STEIN SAID THAT MORE US PARTICIPATION COULD BE EXPECTED AS POSSIBILITIES AND CONDITIONS FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN ROMANIA BECAME BETTER KNOWN IN US BUT FURTHER OBSERVED THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ELICITING SUCH INVESTMENT COOPERATION LAY WITH ROMANIA WHICH COULD BETTER KNOW AREAS IN WHICH SUCH INVESTMENT WAS MOST DESIRED AND CONDITIONS IT

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WAS WILLING TO OFFER AS WELL AS IDENTITY OF POTENTIAL PARTNERS.

5. CEAUSESCU CLOSED WITH APPEAL FOR FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN US-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, A POINT ECHOED BY DR. STEIN. MEETING WAS CORDIAL THROUGHOUT. MANEA MANESCU SEEMED VERY MUCH AT EASE, INCIDENTALLY, AND OCCASIONALLY ADDED REMARKS THAT WERE WELCOMED BY CEAUSESCU; MANESCU APPEARS MUCH MORE SELF-ASSURED THAN IN SUMMER OF LAST YEAR.

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